

**TOWN OF POMFRET
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2012 AT 8:00 AM
POMFRET SENIOR CENTER**

In Attendance: First Selectman Jim Rivers, Selectmen Maureen Nicholson, Peter Mann. Also present: Ken Kristal, John Carter, Sybil Williams, Jeanette Sullivan.

I. Regular Meeting

1. **Open Regular Meeting/Approve Minutes January 17, 2012** – J. Rivers opened meeting at 8:00 AM. P. Mann moved to approve minutes of January 17, 2012. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

2. **Items to Add to Agenda** – P. Mann moved to add Discussion and Possible Action for items and date of Town Meeting. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. Item added to New Business, 3.

3. **Citizen Participation & Communications** – John Carter had some maintenance questions regarding the Senior Center and asked for an update on obtaining a bus. P. Mann will look into the use of Pomfret School or Rectory School buses for a senior trip.

II. New Business

1. **Economic Development Discussion and Possible Action** – J. Rivers stated he was looking for feedback from the Board with regard to reaching out to OPM in light of Economic Development money. The Town of Putnam has been in the forefront with regional monies but Pomfret has some desirable locations for Economic Development. M. Nicholson motioned to send an appropriate letter to State leadership for Economic Development monies. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

2. **Retirees Medical Supplement – Discussion and Possible Action** – J. Rivers stated that a number of years ago this supplemental insurance was put into place with a number of parameters and a cap on the Town's contribution at \$3500 per covered retiree, per year. There has been no cost of living increase to this contribution since the policy's inception. J. Rivers proposed to change this contribution to \$4,000 per covered retiree per year. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

3. **Town Meeting Discussion and Possible Action** – There are a number of items ready to go to Town Meeting – the Agriculture Commission Ordinance, a Senior Advocate Commission Ordinance, the Retiree Medical Supplement revision, and possibly some fund balance transfers. J. Rivers motioned to set a Town Meeting date of March 22, 2012 at 6:30 PM in the Pomfret Community School cafeteria to address these items. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

III. Current Business

1. **Senior Center – Update and Discussion of Proposed Ordinance to Establish a Senior Advocate Commission & Boy Scout Building Use** – The Ordinance as reviewed at the last meeting will be revised to reflect that at least three of the regular members be age 55 or older and add the chairs of Town Boards and Commissions or their designee as Ex-Officio members. The approval of the Ordinance with these changes moved by P. Mann. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor. The current Scout Troop leader has asked to use the Senior Center for Boy Scout meetings. They meet every other Tuesday night and can use the basement in the building. Discussion. M. Nicholson moved to open the Senior Center basement for use by the Boy Scouts. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.

2. **Bonding Update** – J. Rivers reported that the transfer of funds has been successful.
3. **Discussion – Application for Zoning Text Amendments** – No discussion. J. Rivers will contact Jim Larkin at NECCOG to put together some alternate proposals.
4. **Quarterly Tax – Discussion** – P. Mann has spoken with the Tax Collector who seemed OK with this proposal. There may be some small added cost but increase the collections. M. Nicholson motioned to recommend and/or approve a change to quarterly tax collections. P. Mann seconded. All in favor.
5. **Budget Discussion FY 2012/2013 and Possible Action** – J. Rivers stated that Day Kimball has asked for a one time contribution of \$6600 toward the new Emergency Room wing. This would be a demonstration of regional and town support for this project. An upgrade to the web page design has been discussed for some time and money needs to be added for this project in the amount of \$10,000. The combined total would be an approximate 2.2% increase to the general government budget. This will continue to be reviewed by the Board and discussed again at the next meeting.

IV. Other Business

1. **Road Issues** - None
2. **General Discussion** – Nothing additional
3. **Pistol Permits Issued:** Angie Kulzyck, 279 Freedley Road, 1/18/12; Mark Desrosiers, 63 Anderson Road, 1/30/12; Louis Griffith, 751 Wrights Crossing Road, 2/14/12 – so noted to record.

V. Tax Refunds/Abatements: Corelogic for David J. Navarro, O/P, \$1575.00; Eric and Suzanne Johnson, COC, \$199.80; Honda Lease Trust, COC, \$228.27; B.A.C. Tax Services for Scott Davis, O/P, \$464.31; Erin Darigan Wilcox, COC, \$2860.82; Bradley Beeler, O/P, \$55.79 – P. Mann motioned to approve as presented. M. Nicholson seconded. All in favor.

VI. Citizen's Comments – K. Kristal reminded the Board that they would be on the next Board of Finance agenda to review their budget. J. Sullivan asked about repair to the ceiling at the Senior Center. J. Carter asked if there will be an advertisement for willing members of the Senior Advocate Commission.

VII. Adjournment – M. Nicholson moved to adjourn. P. Mann seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Ryan, clerk

date approved_____